

REMARKS

By the present response, Applicant has amended claims 2, 4 and 13-16 to further clarify the invention. Claims 2, 4, 13-16 and 18-20 remain pending in the present application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claim 2 has been objected to for informalities. Claims 2, 4, and 13-16 and 18-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,909,378 (Lambrecht et al.).

Claim Objections

Claim 2 has been objected to because of informalities. Applicant has amended this claim to further clarify the invention and respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 2, 4, 13-16 and 18-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lambrecht et al. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Regarding claim 2, Applicant submits that Lambrecht et al. does not disclose suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of this claim of, *inter alia*, a remote controller that includes a communication module configured to communicate over the Internet with a device, which is configured to operate an Internet site, wherein the communication module

receives remote controller information for a plurality of electronic apparatuses over the Internet from the device, the remote controller information including remote controller code information and function information for the plurality of electronic apparatus. Lambrecht et al. merely discloses a universal remote control being placed in front of an infrared transmitter and the command code being transferred to the universal remote control via the infrared transmission (see, Abstract and col. 4, lines 43-62). This is not a remote controller including a communication module configured to communicate over the Internet with a device where the communication module receives remote controller information for a plurality of electronic apparatuses over the Internet from the device, as recited in the claims of the present application. Lambrecht et al., as illustrated in Fig. 1, clearly shows that command codes are transferred from the PC to the universal remote control via the infrared transmitter 105. In contrast, the limitations in the claims of the present application relate to a remote controller that includes a communication module configured to communicate over the Internet for receiving remote control information where the remote controller also transmits an infrared signal corresponding to a key input by a user. The remote control in Lambrecht et al. merely communicates by a infrared signal.

Regarding claims 4, 13-16 and 18-20, Applicant submits that these claims are dependent on independent claim 2 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted previously regarding this independent claim.

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Accordingly, Applicant submits that Lambrecht et al. does not disclose suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of claims 2, 4, 13-16 and 18-20 of the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 2, 4, 13-16 and 18-20 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Frederick D. Bailey, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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